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1. EXACT TEXT RELEVANT PORTION OF AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE'S
SPEECH AS ACTUALLY DELIVERED FEBRUARY 18 TO LUNCHEON OF
THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN NEW YORK CITY:

QUOTE IN CONCLUSION, INCREASED TRADE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS IS
THE CORE REALITY OF THE GROWING INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND AFRICA. WE BELIEVE THAT INCREASED IN-
VESTMENT IS A PREREQUISITE TO INCREASED AND MORE DIVERSIFIED
TRADE RELATIONS. TRADE AND INVESTMENT ARE ESSENTIALLY YOUR
BUSINESS. WE IN GOVERNMENT MUST STRIVE TO TRANSLATE THE
TRADE GOALS WE SHARE WITH THE AFRICANS INTO MUTUALLY ACCEPT-
ABLE MEANS TO ACHIEVE THEM.

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IN THIS REGARD, WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT NIGERIA IS

RECOVERING FROM AN ATTEMPTED COUP IN A RAPID AND ORDERLY FASHION WHICH DEMONSTRATES THE VIABILITY OF NIGERIAN INSTITUTIONS. THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO STRENGTHENING RELATIONS WITH THIS IMPORTANT COUNTRY AND DOES NOT INTEND TO ALLOW THE ATTEMPTED COUP TO AFFECT OUR POLICIES OR ATTITUDES TOWARD NIGERIA. UNQUOTE.

2. COMPLETE TEXT HAS BEEN POUCHED.

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